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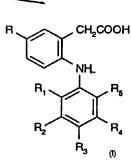
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method of treating cancer pain, e.g. bone cancer pain, in a subject in need of such treatment which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of a COX-2 inhibitor; advantageously a compound of formula (I); wherein R, R₁ R₂, R₃, R₄, and R₅ are as defined; a pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; or a pharmaceutically acceptable prodrug ester thereof.